

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT
OF FEDERAL CLAIMS

CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

No. 1:20-cv-00546-RTH

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's February 17, 2022 order, the parties respectfully submit this joint status report to request that the Court continue the stay of plaintiffs' remaining cost-sharing reduction (CSR) claim (Count III) of plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

This case is currently stayed because the Government is working with a number of CSR plaintiffs to determine whether they may efficiently resolve this matter without further litigation or at least streamline these cases. *See* Doc. 20 at 1. The parties to a number of these CSR cases, including this one, have also presented joint stipulations for CSR amounts owed by the Government for 2017. Doc. 26 at 1. On February 17, 2022, the Court continued the stay in this case and ordered the parties to file a joint status report on or before February 24, 2022. *Id.* The Court also ordered: "If the parties request to continue the stay of proceedings, the parties SHALL FILE a JSR every 30 days thereafter." *Id.*

The parties request that the Court continue the stay to provide more time for the broader discussions about possible approaches to resolving this and other CSR cases. As the parties reported before, counsel for a large number of plaintiff health plans shared a

proposal with the Government on December 3, 2021. The Government's review of the proposal is ongoing. The Government hopes to provide Plaintiffs with a substantive response soon. Plaintiffs here have expressed a willingness to consider seriously the method, if any, that the Government is able to agree to with the other CSR plaintiffs for resolving or streamlining the CSR cases. The complexity of the CSR cases and the number of interested stakeholders necessitate that the parties be afforded additional time for these efforts. Good cause therefore exists to continue the stay.

Accordingly, the parties jointly request that the Court continue the stay in this case and the parties will file a JSR within 30 days to update the Court on the status of their efforts to fully resolve this matter.

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